

## Johnson, Patrick

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**From:** District Applications  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 12:25 PM  
**To:** 'Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda'  
**Cc:** Hadavi, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: Signal issues

Dr. Diaz-Miranda,

Thank you for forwarding documentation related to the e-mail delay. We have accepted your application for the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact our office at 974-2805.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Redistricting Process.

Sincerely,

**PATRICK A. JOHNSON**

OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR  
AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(512) 974-1333

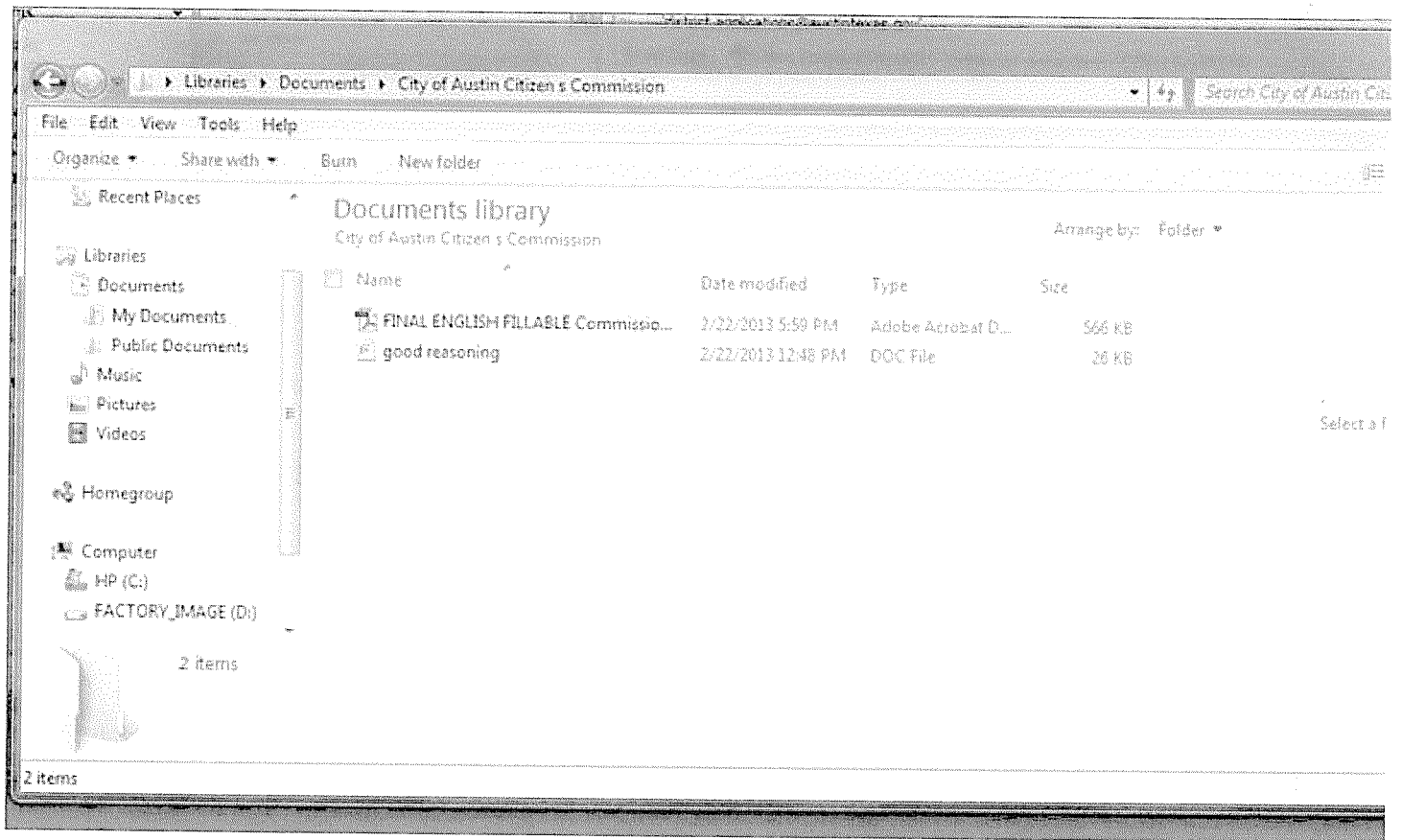
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**From:** Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda [<mailto:mdiazmiranda@austin.rr.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 11:32 AM  
**To:** District Applications  
**Subject:** FW: Signal issues

Attention Mr. Ben Leffler,

I am forwarding an e-mail sent to me by Time Warner Technical Support, indicating the issue with my signal that might have delayed the e-mail being sent.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I hope that my application is reconsidered, but if it is not I do understand the reason why.  
I look forward to your reply.

Mariano Díaz-Miranda

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**From:** Bassford, Michael [<mailto:michael.bassford@twcable.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 11:17 AM  
**To:** [MDIAZMIRANDA@AUSTIN.RR.COM](mailto:MDIAZMIRANDA@AUSTIN.RR.COM)  
**Subject:** Signal issues

To whom it may concern,

Mr. Diaz-Miranda was having signal trouble with his internet service on Friday 02/22/2013 which may have delayed his sending of a time sensitive email. His service is set to be fixed on 02/26/2013, thank you for your understanding.

Mike Bassford  
Time Warner Cable  
Technical Support  
512-485-5555  
Ext. 1535325

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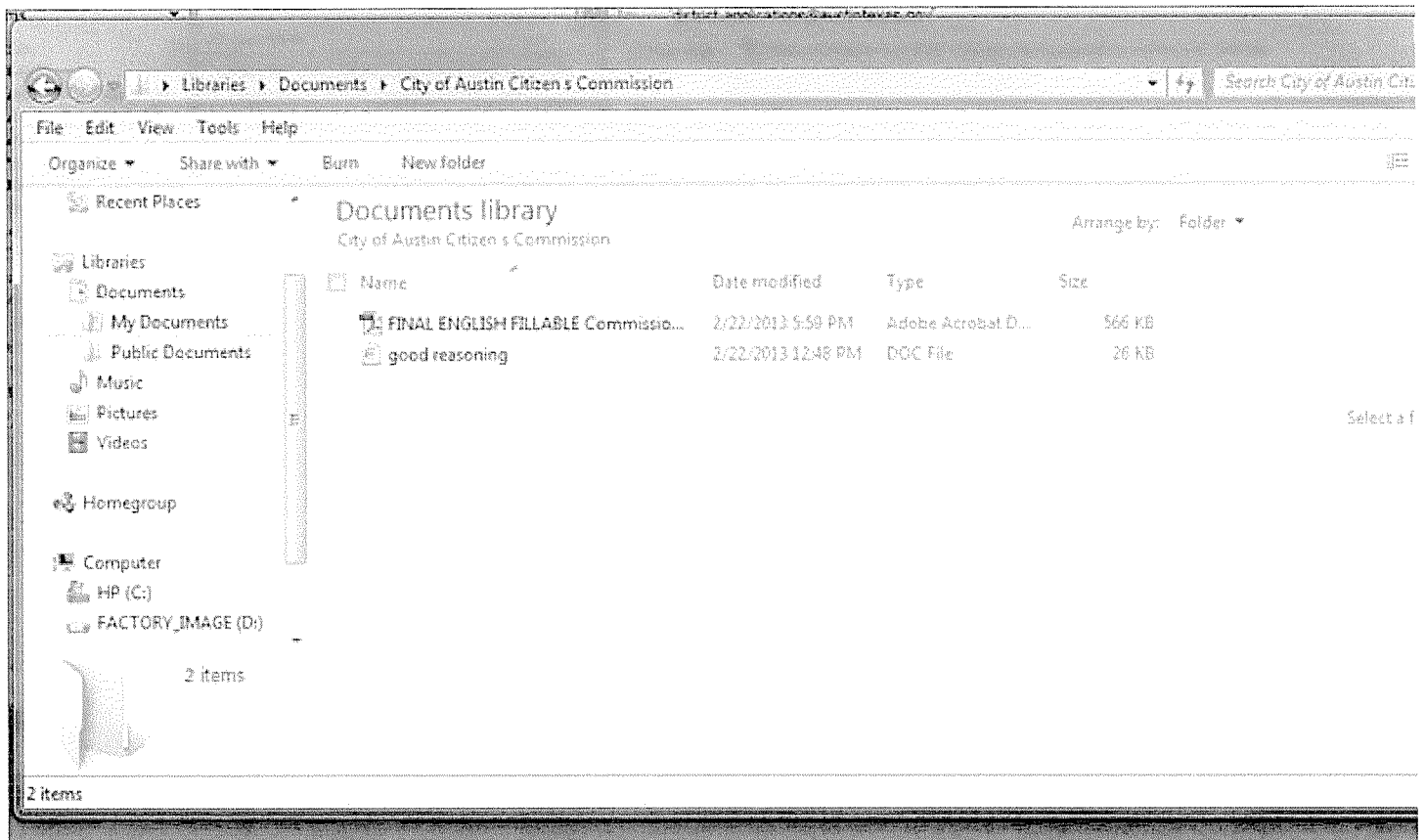
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**From:** Dr. Mariano Diaz-Miranda <mdiazmiranda@austin.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2013 1:24 AM  
**To:** District Applications  
**Subject:** Application for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission  
**Attachments:** FINAL ENGLISH FILLABLE Commission Application FORM.pdf

Please,

Find attached my attached my application for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Mariano Díaz-Miranda



# APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application  
by email to [district.applications@austintexas.gov](mailto:district.applications@austintexas.gov)  
by mail or in person to:  
Office of the City Auditor  
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130  
Austin, TX 78701

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*Application Period:  
January 18, 2013  
through  
February 22, 2013*



**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY  
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN  
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER  
AT [WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE](http://WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE)**

You must submit an electronic application to [district.applications@austintexas.gov](mailto:district.applications@austintexas.gov)  
or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 2130

Austin, TX 78701

**Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013**

**DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE**

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission **duties** include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member **terms of service** include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
  - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
  - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
    - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
    - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
    - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.



**APPLICATION FOR THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**2013**

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Díaz-Miranda Mariano n/a  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1139944946

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

2601 Crownspoint Dr Austin Texas 78748  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

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(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-280-1185

Contact Email Address: mdiazmiranda@austin.rr.com

Spouse's Name: Díaz-Miranda Dianne Mary  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

**APPLICATION FOR THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

**2013**

Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

# APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

# 2013

## Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

<b>Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:</b>	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:</b>	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>In the last City Election did you or your spouse:</b>	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Personal Background Information**

- **Ethnicity:** Latino
- **Race:** Mestizo
- **Gender:** ☒ Male    ☐ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**  

☐ 18 to 24
☐ 25 to 34
☐ 35 to 44
☐ 45 to 54
☐ 55 to 64
☒ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**  

☐ High School Diploma or GED

☐ Some College (major \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Associate's Degree (major \_\_\_\_\_)

☒ Bachelor's Degree (major History)

☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject PhD History)

**Qualifications**

**Please describe your relevant analytical skills.**

As stated above, I attended graduate school and both Master's and Ph.D. were acquired in the discipline of History. Through that experience I learned the validity of research and the questions that I needed to ask of the documents in front of me.

Through my contact with documents from all sectors of society, I was able to discern the weight that they carried in the research I was conducting. An example could be private diaries and correspondence, where the author could have been a bit more frank than if writing a public document. I have also analyzed documents produced by governments of states, provinces, and nations. Included in these analyses were also documents of private and corporate business organizations.

My analytical skills are not limited to qualitative evidence, but also quantitative. In graduate school, I used the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Even though it was so long ago that it was the second edition, I still have the ability to understand statistical analysis. A little brushing up and I will be up to speed.

Being awarded a Fulbright Grant and a Social Science Research Council Grant to carry on my comparative research in Brazil and Cuba seems to support the quality of my analytical skills.

**Please describe your ability to be impartial.**

If by impartial you are asking of me to have a sense of fairness, open-mindedness, and even-handedness, then I surely believe that I have those qualities. If on the other hand you are asking me to be disinterested or dispassionate, then I am not the person you want.

When I approach an issue, it is because I have an interest in what I am doing; but at the same time I want to make sure that I understand all the different concerns of those involved in the matter. Otherwise, the conclusion to which I have arrived would not seem to be rational to me.

**Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.**

I came to Austin in 1975 as a graduate student and fell in love with a city with the most diverse population of about 300,000 people that I had experienced in my young life at that time. Here we find a "hippie" generation right next door if not in the same honky-tonk as the "kickers". This reality gave Austin its reputation as a city where differences of folks were embraced and not attacked.

A world class university with individuals from all walks of life, where representatives from diverse political backgrounds under one roof challenged each other. A faculty and student body, not only from different corners of our nation, but from all regions of the world engaged in extending the boundaries of knowledge.

A workforce that was primarily composed of city and state government employees, colleges' and universities' employees, and the seed of our own advanced high tech industry to be, represented at that time by Texas Instruments.

Also many Austins existed. There was the political Center of the city, where the Governor's Mansion was found. Here, State Office Buildings also carried on their official business. One could find in this center one of the smallest city halls in the area. A West side where an educated and financially stable population resided wielding most of the political and economic power of the city. A South side where folks considered themselves to be closer to the land and embraced the real meaning of being an Austinite and by extension a real Texan. Finally—rather evident, however, not glorified—there was an East side where folks with less economic and political power lived. Even though this is a brief description, one has to appreciate a city with such a diverse and demographic reality. And further proof of this acceptance of diversity, can be witnessed in the growth of our gay and lesbian community.

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

I left Austin after receiving my Ph.D. to teach at the University of Rhode Island. My wife and I decided to return to this city when our daughter was to start elementary school. We chose to raise her in Austin because of the quality of life it had, and its acceptance to bicultural children. Here, my daughter did not have to define herself; the society already understood who she was.

I returned and embraced an opportunity given to me by Austin Community College (ACC) where today I still teach. At the College I founded a Latino/Latin American Study Center "El Centro" which I still direct. The center has been contributing to ACC and hopefully our city since 1995, and officially inaugurated in 1997. The Center has reached out to the community to increase the number of an under-served student population participating in higher education. The Center has also contributed to the achievement of ACC becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution. And finally, this last year we have brought over a quarter of a million dollars in scholarship money for our under-served students.

I briefly mention the above successes that "El Centro" has had to give the reader an idea of my involvement in our community during the past twenty some odd years. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to apply to The Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission.

**DISCLAIMER**

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

**Mariano Díaz-Miranda**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

February 20, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.



**GLOSSARY**

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
  - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
  - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
  - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
  - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
  - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

